## Congress of the United States

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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman House Appropriations Committee H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$5,000,000 in funding for the Silicon Valley African American Cultural Center project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the African American Cultural Center, located at 304 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, San Jose, CA 95112.

The funding would be used for is a mixed-use cultural center development that incudes, affordable housing for extremely low-, very low-, and low-income renters and homeowners, an expansion of the African American Community Service Agency, a Roots Community Health Clinic, and Ujima Adult and Family Services, and retail and commercial spaces. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it supports affordable housing, economic, and community development consistent with federally authorized programs.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely.

Ro Khanna

Member of Congress